



On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Union County

Union County received more than \$158.3 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Union County total.



**Pell Grant Awards:**  
657



**Small Business Jobs:**  
310

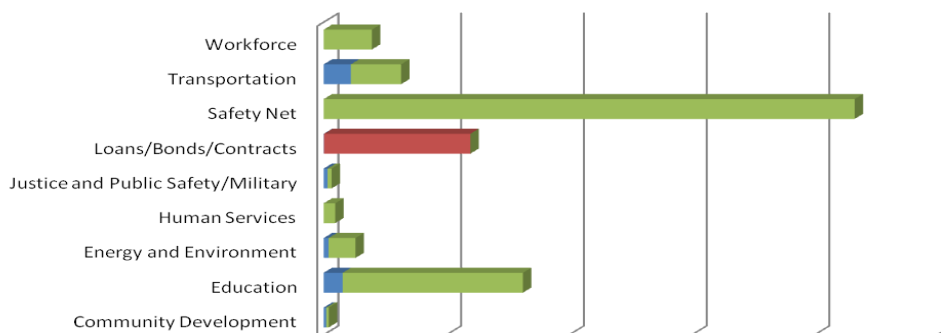


**Appliances rebated:**  
604



**Family homes financed:**  
109

### Union County Totals



Sum of Prime Awards Sum of Sub-Awards Sum of Loans/Bonds

**Union County,**  
pop 208,292 at a glance:

### Recovery Act Totals:

Grants: \$134,538,615

Loans: \$23,829,021

**Total: \$158,367,636**



## Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

**Union County schools** received \$33.8 million in education funding, including \$8.1 million in Special Education funds, \$2.8 million in Title I funds, \$20 million in SFSF funds, and \$1.7 million in Race to the Top funding.

**In Union County**, institutions had 657 students funded by Pell Grants; these grants were worth more than \$993,598.



## Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

**In Union County**, 109 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$15.1 million.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

**Union County** retailers sold 604 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



## Small Business Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

**In Union County** 25 small businesses received SBA loan guarantees worth almost \$8.6 million. According to the small businesses receiving these loans, the Recovery Act saved or created 310 jobs.



## Farm Assistance

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program is administered by the Farm Services Administration in the federal Department of Agriculture, which provides assistance to farmers suffering crop losses due to natural disasters. To qualify for the program a farm must have lost at least 10% of one crop during a natural disaster in a declared disaster county, or lost 50% of a crop during a disaster in a non-disaster county. North Carolina farmers received more than \$9 million in total payments under the ARRA-Funded SURE Program.

**In Union County**, \$12,890 was received in assistance to farmers because of crop loss to natural disasters.



## CARS Program

The Car Allowance Rebate Program (CARS), more widely known as the 'Cash-for-Clunkers' program, provided an incentive for drivers of older, energy inefficient vehicles to upgrade to new cars. This program also provided a large economic impact in North Carolina, and North Carolina dealers received more than 18,000 trade-in vehicles through this program. North Carolina Car Dealers sold more than \$400,000,000 worth of new cars (recommended MSRP) through the CARS program. North Carolina drivers will save 172,130 miles per gallon through cars purchased through this program.

**In Union County**, car dealers sold 787 cars worth \$8.7 million through the ARRA CARS program.



## Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

**In Union County**, the Union county Government, the City of Monroe, and the Town of Wingate all received JAP program grants worth \$338,288 for law enforcement purposes.

The COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) awards grants to law enforcement agencies to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies. COPS funding also provides training and technical assistance to community members and local government leaders and all levels of law. In order to help leverage the efficiency of these programs Governor Perdue set aside additional funding to help pay for uniforms and equipment for local governments who have new COPS funded positions.

**In Union County**, the City of Monroe had 2 officers funded through COPS Grants. These grants were worth \$320,000. In addition, the Governor's Crime Commission gave the City of Monroe a grant of \$8,000 to help outfit and equip these new officers.



## Green Energy Programs

One of the goals of ARRA was to provide grants to help conserve energy and assist in the development of a green economy. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce received large grants for energy conservation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These grants include the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), funded at just under \$20 million, and the State Energy Plan (SEP), funded at \$70 million. The State Energy Office then used these grants to make awards to businesses, non-profits, and local governments for various purposes.

**In Union County**, the Union County Government received an EECBG grant of \$750,000 from the Department of Energy for lighting refits to government facilities, and place solar thermal on the county jail.



## Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

**Union County** residents received \$72.6 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$8.0 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$5.8 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

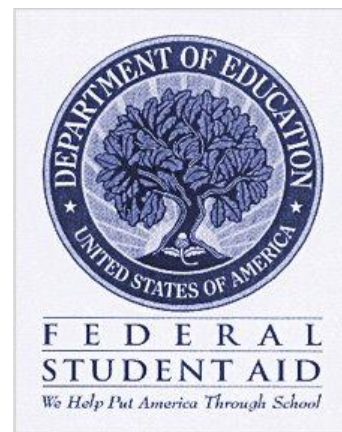
**Union** County received more than \$411,055 for Head Start Programs.

## Union County Feature Story

### Students at Wingate University Take Advantage of Recovery Opportunities

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provided approximately \$100 billion for education, creating a historic opportunity to save hundreds of thousands of jobs, support states and school districts, and advance reforms and improvements that will create long-lasting results for our students and our nation including early learning, K-12, and post-secondary education.

The Federal Pell Grant Program provides need-based grants to low-income undergraduate and certain post-baccalaureate students to promote access to postsecondary education. Students may use their grants at any one of approximately 5,400 participating postsecondary institutions. These institutions either credit the Federal Pell Grant funds to the student's school account, pay the student directly (usually by check) or combine these methods. Students must be paid at least once per semester (or, in the case of a training program, once per trimester or quarter). Amounts awarded from Pell Grants are dependent on the student's family contribution, the cost of attendance, the student's enrollment status (full-time or part-time), and whether the student attends for a full academic year or less.



The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocated \$17.1 billion to the Pell Grant Program nationwide. Not only did this meet a large unmet need for eligible students who already qualified, ARRA increased the maximum Pell award for all eligible students \$500 per semester, from \$4,850 to \$5,350. ARRA-funded Pell Grants were awarded to students in the 2009-2010 academic year. In North Carolina more than 221,000 students received Pell Grants funded through the Recovery Act. These students attended 136 different institutions across the state. All told, these grants were worth more than \$339 million.



Founded in 1896, Wingate University is a private, four-year comprehensive university with the main campus located in Union County, about 45 miles from downtown Charlotte and satellite campuses in Matthews and Hendersonville, North Carolina. The University offers 34 undergraduate majors, 37 minors and career concentrations, numerous pre-professional programs, graduate degrees in business, accounting, education, law, veterinary science, ministry, physician assistant studies and sport administration, and doctorates in pharmacy and education.

Wingate's School of Graduate and Adult Education in Matthews offers convenient evening programs to complete a bachelor's degree or earn a master's degree in business, education or sport administration.

Wingate University has an annual student enrollment of around 2,100 students. A majority of students live on campus in dorms and fully-equipped apartments. In the academic year 2009-2010, 476 Wingate University students received Recovery-funded Pell Grants for tuition, and other associated educational needs. These grants were worth almost \$1 million.

## Appendix, Union County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role <sup>i</sup>	Prime Amount <sup>ii</sup>	Unique Sub Awards <sup>iii</sup>	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) <sup>iv</sup>
	Bonds		P			\$0.00	
	Cash for Clunkers		S		\$3,332,500.00		
	Federal Pell Grant Program	Regina'S College Of Beauty	P				
		Wingate University	P				
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$15,112,921.39	
<b>Administration for Children and Families</b>	ARRA - Child Care and Development Block Grant	Union, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$1,801,008.10	\$0.00	
	ARRA - Early Head Start	Blue Cross Blue Shield	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$74,050.28
				\$0.00	\$29,246.00	\$0.00	
		Bob Mayberry Hyundai	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$128,416.84
		Dale Jarrett Ford	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$205,029.46
				\$0.00	\$88,755.00	\$0.00	
		Dickerson Architure	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$33,084.00
				\$0.00	\$33,084.00	\$0.00	
		Godfrey Constructions	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$100,592.00
				\$0.00	\$100,592.00	\$0.00	
		Kaplan Early Learning Company	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$123,717.84
				\$0.00	\$49,030.00	\$0.00	
		R. Black & Associates, LLC	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$35,189.00
				\$0.00	\$35,189.00	\$0.00	
		Union County Community Action Inc	P	\$2,825,804.00		\$0.00	\$2,825,804.00
	ARRA - Head Start	Kaplan Early Learning Company	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$89,571.13
				\$0.00		\$0.00	\$41,459.10
		Union County Community Action Inc	P	\$280,025.00		\$0.00	\$280,025.00
<b>Bureau of Reclamation</b>	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Scott Technologies, Inc.	P	\$63,639.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Centers for</b>	ARRA -	Union, County	S	\$0.00	\$74,625.00	\$0.00	

<b>Disease Control and Prevention</b>	Immunization	Of				
<b>Department of Agriculture</b>	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$8,012,726.24	
<b>Department of Education</b>	Federal Work-Study Program	Wingate University	P	\$38,077.00	\$38,077.00	\$0.00
<b>Department of Energy</b>	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)	Centralina Council Of Governments	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00 \$44,497.05
		Hinson Electric Company	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00 \$128,837.00
		Mbp Carolinas	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00 \$17,100.00
		Union, County Of	P	\$751,800.00		\$0.00 \$751,800.00
<b>Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>	Public Housing Capital Fund Formula (Recovery Act Funded)	Monroe Housing Authority	P	\$416,930.00		\$0.00 \$416,930.00
<b>Department of Justice</b>	Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	Monroe, City Of	P	\$321,168.00		\$0.00 \$321,168.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program / Grants To Units Of Local Government	Monroe, City Of	P	\$131,793.00		\$0.00 \$131,793.00
		Union, County Of	P	\$183,495.00		\$0.00 \$183,495.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/ Grants to States and Territories	Monroe, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
		Wingate, Town Of	S	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Department of Labor</b>	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S		\$72,622,228.39	
<b>Federal Highway Administration</b>	Highway Planning and Construction	Boggs Paving, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00 \$2,821,380.69
				\$0.00		\$0.00 \$288,104.29
		CSX Transportation, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00 \$33,049.40
		Ingle And Son Landscaping	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00 \$52,249.71



		Mccollum Trucking & Grading	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$107,296.48
		North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P	\$73,664.00		\$0.00	\$73,664.00
				\$720,744.00		\$0.00	\$720,744.00
				\$138,349.00		\$0.00	\$138,349.00
				\$3,194,424.00		\$0.00	\$3,194,424.00
				\$299,675.00		\$0.00	\$299,675.00
		PB Americas, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$1,058.17
		Pedulla Trucking, Excavating And Paving, Inc	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$453,884.93
<b>Food and Nutrition Service</b>	Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability	Union County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$42,646.50	\$0.00	
<b>Idaho Operations Office</b>	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P			\$0.00	\$95,268.25
<b>National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration</b>	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Liquid Process Systems Inc	P	\$1,776.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Office of Elementary and Secondary Education</b>	Education Technology State Grants, Recovery Act	Union County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$66,927.00	\$0.00	
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Union Academy	S	\$0.00	\$556,597.00	\$0.00	
		Union County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$19,529,450.00	\$0.00	
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Union County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$1,769,325.00	\$0.00	
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Union County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$2,837,413.00	\$0.00	
<b>Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services</b>	Special Education - Preschool Grants, Recovery Act	Union County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$301,844.00	\$0.00	
	Special Education	Union Academy	S	\$0.00	\$200,875.28	\$0.00	

		Grants to States, Recovery Act					
		Union County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$7,662,613.72	\$0.00	
<b>Small Business Administration</b>	Loans	Bam Investments, Inc.	L			\$1,283,500.00	
		Brown's Women's Care, P.A.	L			\$250,000.00	
		Cardinal Concrete Corporation	L			\$150,000.00	
		Carolina Clinics Pa	L			\$20,000.00	
		Dr. Trish Johnson	L			\$1,073,700.00	
		Engle Properties I, LLC	L			\$176,000.00	
		Extreme Pita	L			\$300,000.00	
		Filters Fast LLC	L			\$779,000.00	
		Healthway Enterprises, Inc.	L			\$475,000.00	
		Imagine Academy Of Dance, LLC	L			\$35,000.00	
		Jacqueline D Vaughn	L			\$100,000.00	
		Jimmy Clean's	L			\$1,100,000.00	
		John Matthews, Inc.	L			\$375,000.00	
		Joyce, LLC (Epc) And Eagles Me	L			\$1,241,000.00	
		Lone Wolf Industries, Ltd.	L			\$93,900.00	
		Maidpro	L			\$120,000.00	
		Razzano Chiropractic, P.C.	L			\$40,000.00	
		Rebel Lumber Company, Inc.	L			\$350,000.00	
		S & S Mart Inc	L			\$20,000.00	
		Shearin Construction Co	L			\$25,000.00	
		Slainless Valve Company	L			\$34,000.00	
		Steven Johnston	L			\$330,000.00	
		Wm Goodyear Properties, LLC	L			\$345,000.00	
<b>SSA</b>	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P		\$5,889,500.00		
<b>Grand Total</b>				\$9,441,363.90	\$125,097,252.23	\$23,829,021.39	\$14,211,706.62

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<sup>i</sup> Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

<sup>ii</sup> Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to [www.federalreporting.gov](http://www.federalreporting.gov)

<sup>iii</sup> Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

<sup>iv</sup> Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.